

# Bankstown South Infants School



## Welcome Back!

Thank you to our amazing parents, students and community! We have missed you and are so glad to be back!



You stepped in when times were tough,  
When things were uncertain and  
very rough.

When we couldn't have our classes with us,  
You connected them from home, without  
a fuss.

You supported your children to learn  
and grow.

Sometimes it was hard, this we know.

We loved working hand in hand,  
To help your children understand.

Now it is time to return to school,  
We have missed seeing their smiling faces,  
And hearing learning happening in our  
classroom spaces.

Although, it is our turn again.

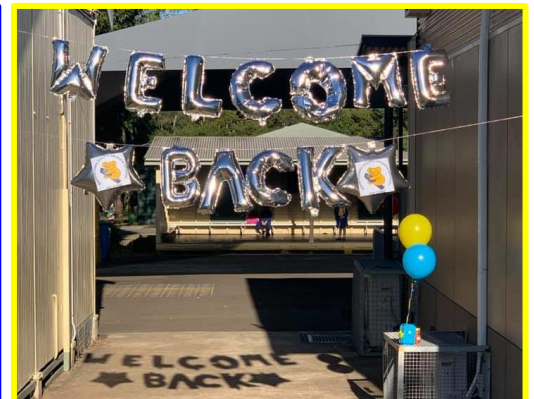
We don't want our collaboration to end.

We know working with you is the best.

Now we are tagging in, it's your time  
to rest.

Thank you, families, for all you have done.

You really are number one!



### What's on @ BSIS

#### Term 2 Week 7

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
- Public Holiday



#### Term 2 Week 8

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
- Early Intervention School Photos

#### Term 2 Week 10

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
- Parent teacher interviews  
and semester one reports  
sent home



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Smartphone school to parent communication

## Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone! We missed you all so much and are very glad to have our normal learning routines back in place. I am so very grateful for the unfailing support, kind messages, assistance and thoughtful gestures the staff received from our community and feel extremely lucky to be part of such an outstanding school.

Our students have come back straight into rich learning activities and we are also taking time to look at student wellbeing through the 'Worry Woos' emotion program and also re-establishing classroom and school routines.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work from our staff during the unprecedented times in education. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated, committed and caring staff who go above and beyond to support our students.

### School Attendance

Now that we are back full time all students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition.
- They are currently unwell.

If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date. If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than two days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school. If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact us.

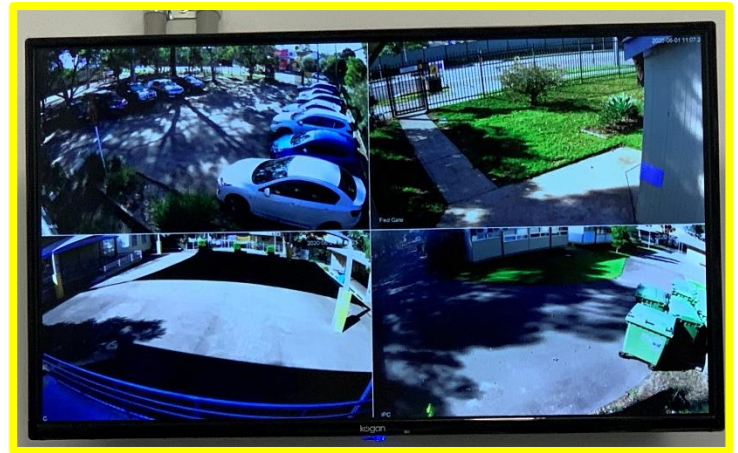


### Electronic Gates, cameras and speakers

We have our new electronic gates installed. Both the pedestrian and driveway gates are now electronic and we are very grateful to the Department of Education for installing these and for covering the cost which was over \$50,000. It adds another layer of security and safety to our school as we know who is entering the gates at all times. The pedestrian gate, driveway gate and staff carpark, morning playground and the back path leading to the toilets now have video surveillance cameras installed. There is a monitor both in the front office and principals office to monitor people coming and going throughout the day. Once we are back open as usual you are welcome to come into the office to see the monitors and the position of the cameras. These camera record 24 hours, 7 days a week for our safety and security.

If you need to enter the school during the day please ring the bell on the pedestrian gate and the office will talk to you through the intercom. The office can see through the monitors who is at the gate. Please make sure that you close the gate behind you. To exit the school you will also need to press the bell for the office to release the gate, it will not automatically open.

We also have had new internal speakers placed into all classrooms so they can clearly hear announcements, the bell and emergency tones. We have also updated the locks on classroom doors. These were at a cost of \$10,000 paid for out of the school budget.



### **Playground update**

The students were very excited to return to see new sandstone rocks around the garden in the big playground. They look amazing and the students have had a fantastic time climbing and walking over them. They were purchased out of a grant that we received from the local schools community fund grant from Tony Burke and we are very appreciative of the support. As part of this grant we have also repaired and upgraded the sandpit. We are hoping that the sandpit will be open for students to use this week. The SRC will be doing some fundraising later this term for toys to use in the sandpit.



This week we are having a small patch of synthetic grass installed to replace some of the bark chips. This will provide a place where our students can run and play ball games without tripping over the bark. This is costing the school over \$25,000. We can't afford to replace all of the bark chips at this current time but are getting the areas that will still have bark chips topped up with certified play bark. Thank you to Mrs Chamron and Mrs Dion who have been working so hard to upgrade our play areas and gardens. They have also been doing lots of work with the students in the flower gardens in the morning area.

Thanks to Mrs Chamron and Mrs Dion we were also very lucky to have had a garden shed donated by Bunnings Greenacre for use with our vegetable garden down the back. Our students love the gardening program and we are very excited to see our playground slowly taking shape. We can't wait until it is all complete and we can do an official opening of the areas. We look forward to showing it to you all soon.



The big shade sail cloth in the morning area that blew off in the storms in February has been replaced at a cost of \$20,000. Again, we are very grateful to the P&C for supporting us and contributing \$4000 towards the cost. The remainder of the cost came from our school budget as structures are not covered under insurance. We have really relied on the P&C budget this year and we will be looking to raise more funds throughout the year to build our account back up. As we continue to say all money goes straight back into supporting students so please support our P&C and their fundraising efforts. Thank you to our wonderful P&C for being so supportive of our school.

### School wellbeing policy update

Thank you to the parents who joined us last term for our parent forum on updating our school wellbeing policy. We have updated the policy and will be sharing this with you all next week.

Each student in K-2 has received a clear A5 plastic envelope with their name on it. This is to store their star awards in. Star awards are handed out to students who display our 3 school core values of being safe, respectful and a learner. Students are responsible for looking after their own star awards and we suggest keeping them in the folder in their bag.

20 Star awards = 1 Bronze award

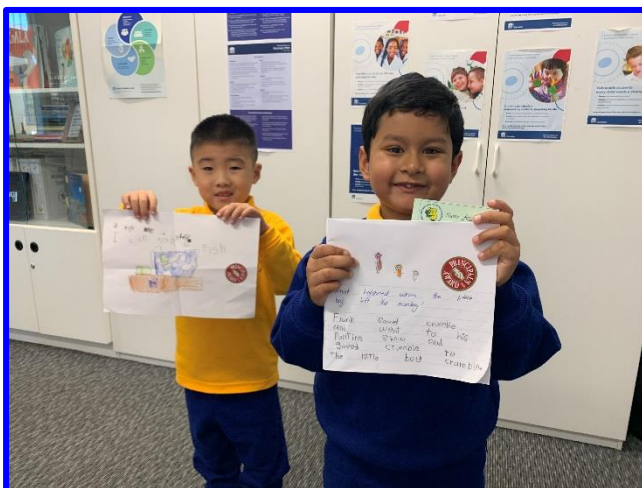
20 Star awards + 1 Bronze award = Silver Award

20 Star awards + 1 silver award = Gold award

Students need to track their own star awards and hand them to their class teacher when they have received 20.

As current departmental guidelines do not allow a whole school assembly, we will be holding a short award ceremony via zoom on Friday mornings. Normal assembly awards will be handed out during this time. We are excited to continue to reward and celebrate student achievement and effort this term.

*Kim Collas*  
Principal



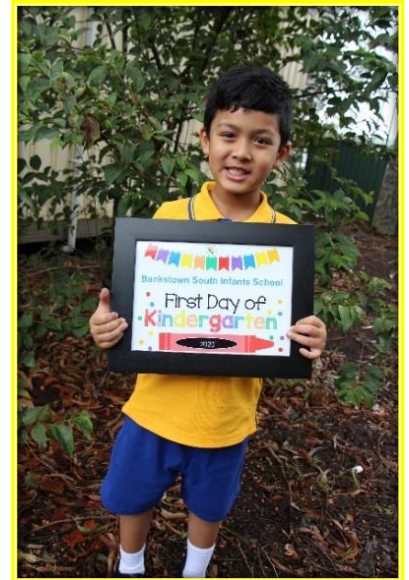
## Kindergarten 2021

We are now taking expressions of interest for Kindergarten 2021.

Do you have a child, neighbour, friend or relative turning 5 before the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021? You may now fill out our expression of interest form to secure your place at our school. The forms can be found on our school website under the enrolment tab.

[www.bankstowsi-p.school.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bankstowsi-p.school.nsw.gov.au)

Please fill out your forms as soon as possible and return to the school.



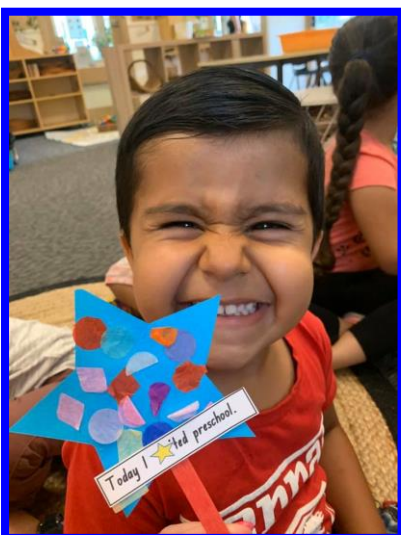
## Preschool 2021

We are now accepting waiting list applications for our preschool for 2021.

Do you have a child, neighbour, friend or relative who will be attending kindergarten in 2022 and would like to attend our preschool in 2021?

You may now fill out the waiting list form to secure your place at our preschool. Limited places are available. The forms can be found on our school website under the preschool tab or the enrolment tab.

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Please fill out your forms as soon as possible and return to the school.

Please note: Department preschools enrol children for **one year only**, the year before they start school. Children can enrol if they turn four years of age before 31 July that year and will **attend school the following year**.

## Early Intervention

Term 2, we are so glad that most of our students are back in class after an extended break from school. Everyone is so keen to come back and ready to learn.

I am thrilled to share that some of our families and staff are joining me in the Student Voice Program funded by the Department of Education. We will be learning together over the next 4 weeks on how to include the student voice in their educational program. The results will be measured, and hope that the outcome would enhance the process of setting goals for our students and their families.



# 1M Class Report

Welcome Back 1M !

1M did an amazing job learning from home. I commend them for their effort and great work. Now that we are back at school full time we have been charging full steam ahead.

In English, students are practising their reading and spelling and are writing information reports. In mathematics, we have been refining our place value, addition, fractions and data skills.



## KS Class Report

Students in KS have settled back into school this term. They have been engaged in many exciting and meaningful learning experiences.



Through these activities students are strengthening their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. They are threading alphabet letters onto string to form sight words and cutting carefully along different.



Students are manipulating play dough to form letters of the alphabet.



Students are pegging the corresponding number of pegs to a numeral.



Matching letters to pictures of the same initial sound.







In maths, we are learning about the capacity of containers and what 'full', 'half full' and 'empty' looks like. We use hands-on learning experiences to add two groups of objects.

Students having a great time engaged in a music lesson. Through music lessons they are singing and involved in movement experiences. They also use the musical instruments to imitate rhythm patterns.



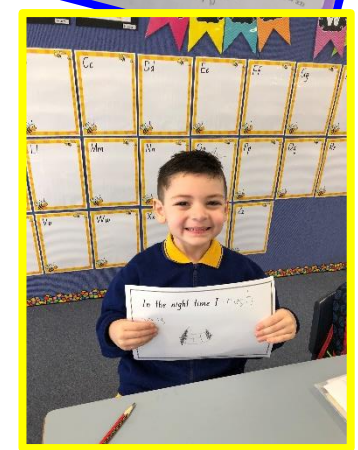
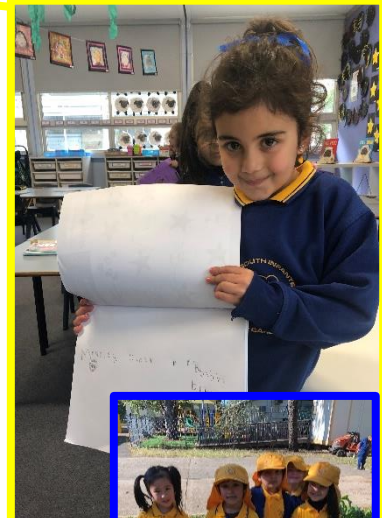
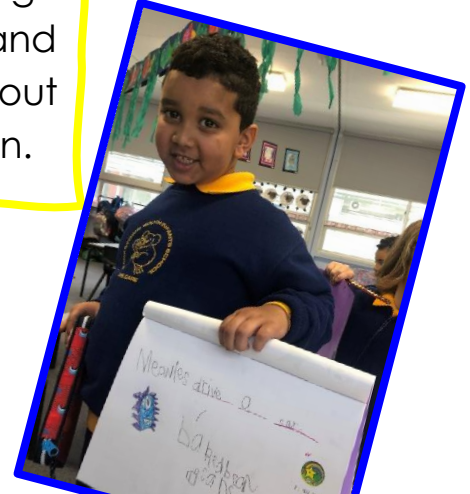
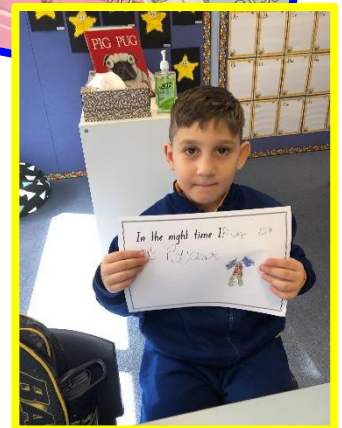
**KD Class Report**



**KD**

# Welcome Back to Term 2

What a great start to Term 2 we have had! There has been lots of learning during literacy and writing groups and we even got a chance to learn about the vegie patch with Mrs Chamron.



## Community Languages

Currently as part of the enrolment process, parents indicated what language a child speaks at home. At Bankstown South Infants School, we currently offer a community language program in Arabic and Vietnamese.

All students who have indicated that they speak either Arabic or Vietnamese on their enrolment form are automatically enrolled in these classes. Students attend these lessons once a week. Mrs Haddara teaches our Arabic class and Mrs Ma teaches our Vietnamese class.

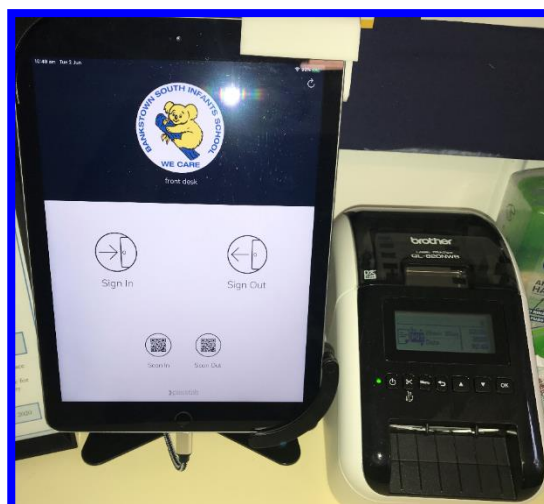
These classes are also open to students from other language backgrounds if requested by families. If there are any changes to students attending these lessons, parents must do so in writing to the school.



## Sign in system (PASSTAB)

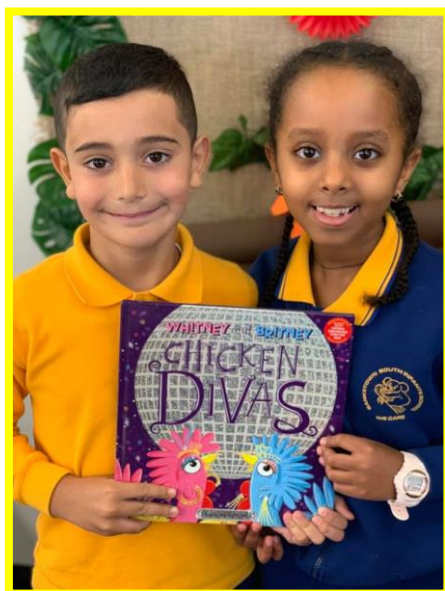
We have installed and are excited to be using an electronic sign in system for staff and visitors.

This system is for anyone who enters our school grounds and helps with the Department of Education's Protocols. All P&C members must come and sign in when they are on site doing P&C duties and meetings.



## National Simultaneous Time

In week 5 we joined with Scholastic Australia for Simultaneous Story Time! As we couldn't all sit together in the library Mrs Stephandellis read the book to everyone through a zoom video. We loved listening to the story 'Chicken Divas' and completing fun activities. The preschool enjoyed participating too! Thank you Miss Bova for organising today and for winning our school a signed copy of the book.



## Uniform Shop

Winter uniforms can now be purchased from our uniform shop. The shop is now open 2 days per week.

**Mondays 8.30am-9am & Wednesdays 2.40-2.50pm**

Payment can be made by eftpos (preferred) or cash (only correct money will be accepted)

If you are unable to attend the shop during these times you may email your order to [bankstowsi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bankstowsi-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) payment is then to be made via the "make a payment" tab on the school website. The order form and price list can be found on our school website [www.bankstowsi-p.school.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bankstowsi-p.school.nsw.gov.au)

Please note that your order will only be packed during one of the above opening times and will be delivered to your child's class.

Please ensure your child is in full school winter uniform each day including black school shoes and a school hat.



## Change of clothes

Can all families, especially Kindergarten and Preschool students please place a change of clothes in your child's school bag as this will help to stop our office staff ringing you to come up to school to change your child if required



# Live Life Well @ School

## NATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS - PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

### Did you know?

Children aged 5-17 years should be **physically active for 1 hour each day** in ways which make them 'huff and puff'. These activities (known as moderate to vigorous physical activity) include big body movements, e.g. running, dancing, jumping, kicking.

Additional light physical activity (walking, yoga) is encouraged.

Children should also break up long periods of sitting with movement e.g. walking and stretching.



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# Live Life Well @ School

## FRUIT, VEGETABLE & WATER BREAK

Research says that a chance to “refuel” by eating fruit and vegetables in class can help students focus.

Our school offers Crunch & Sip, a set time in class for students to have fruit and/or vegetables and water.

Here is how to pack for Crunch & Sip:



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## SkoolBag App

Thank you to the families who have already downloaded our SkoolBag app. We encourage everyone to download it as this is where important information, announcements and reminders are sent. A copy of all notes that are sent home are also stored here for parents and carers to access from their phone or tablet. Please ensure you have alerts turned on so you receive instant notifications and please regularly check our Facebook page and school website for updates and information.

# Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

# 1

## Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

# 2

## Create an account

Sign up in seconds with your email address

# 3

## Add your school

Search for your school and add your subscription groups



SkoolBag 



**SMOOSH Before and after School Care****SMOOSH is FREE for the rest of this term!**

HAVE YOU HEARD OF

# SMOOSH?

SMOOSH is an approved child care provider running OSHC and vacation care programs in five Sydney schools.

Under the umbrella of non-profit organisation South Eastern Community Connect, SMOOSH is supported and driven by an exceptional team of qualified Early Childhood Educators.

At SMOOSH, your child will receive delicious and nutritious seasonal meals and an educational, play-based program focused on their unique interests. You will *love* SMOOSH!

Costs are as follows:

**\$16 for before-school care or as little as \$2.50 with government rebate\***

**\$20 for after-school care or as little as \$3.00 with the government rebate\***

**(+ \$2 for casual bookings)**

\*CCS approved. Please visit SMMOSH to see your eligible rebate amount.

Casual bookings are also available!



**South Eastern  
Community  
Connect**

Bankstown South Infants, Bankstown Public & Birrong Public School  
enquiries: 0416 244 504

Hampden Park & Eastlakes Public School enquiries: 0431 427 176



## After school care bus from Padstow North Public School to Bankstown South Infants School

Dear families,

South Eastern Community Connect (SECC) is the not-for-profit organisation which runs several local before-and-after-school services called SMOOSH. This term, SMOOSH is looking at providing an additional service which will involve transporting students from Padstow North Public School (PNPS) to Bankstown South Infants School (BSIS) for after-school care.

PNPS students will be picked up at 3:00pm in a minivan driven by a SMOOSH staff member, and will be dropped onsite at BSIS where they will go to the school hall for after school care.

SMOOSH at BSIS operates from 2:45pm - 6:00pm and parents can park onsite in the carpark and collect students from the hall in the afternoon. Afternoon tea is provided for all students as well as a range of indoor and outdoor activities including cooking, craft, gardening and games in the school playground and hall. Students are also provided with a quiet space for homework to be completed when needed.

The prices are very affordable with the government subsidy. SMOOSH is an approved provider of the Child Care Subsidy for Out of School Care (OSHC). For eligible families enrolled in SMOOSH, the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) will assist with reducing the out of pocket child care costs and help to make child care more affordable.

### Daily rate for SMOOSH after school care at BSIS with the government subsidy:

Combined Family Income	Cost	Total
Up to \$68,000	\$3.00/day +\$1	\$4.00 a day
Up to \$80,000	\$3.70/day +\$1	\$4.70 a day
Up to \$100,000	\$5.10/day +\$1	\$6.10 a day
Up to \$120,000	\$6.50/day +\$1	\$7.50 a day
Up to \$150,000	\$8.40/day +\$1	\$9.40 a day
Up to \$173,000	\$10.00/day +\$1	\$11.00 a day
\$200,000 +	\$10.00/day +\$1	\$11.00 a day

(The \$1.00 is a payment that Centrelink keeps which is refundable at the end of the financial year when you submit your Centrelink return).

For more information or enquiries please contact Anthony, on 0415 816 866 or email [SmooshManager@secc.sydney](mailto:SmooshManager@secc.sydney).

There are a limited number of seats available in the minivan and at SMOOSH so please complete the attached form and return it to either the PNPS or BSIS office asap and by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at the latest. Preference will be given to students who have siblings enrolled at BSIS and past BSIS students.



**South Eastern  
Community  
Connect**

## SMOOSH Expression of Interest



- I am interested in the SMOOSH minivan transporting my child/ren from Padstow North Public School to Bankstown South Infants School for after school.

Child's Details				
First Name	Surname	DOB	School	Grade

Parent/Carer Information - Contact 1		
Name	Mobile	Email

Parent/Carer Information - Contact 2		
Name	Mobile	Email

## Term 2 2020 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
2	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	May 8 <sup>th</sup>
3	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
4	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
5	May 25 <sup>th</sup>	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	May 29 <sup>th</sup>
6	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	June 5 <sup>th</sup>
7	June 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>Public Holiday</b>	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	June 12 <sup>th</sup>
8	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	June 16 <sup>th</sup> Early Intervention School Photos	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	June 19 <sup>th</sup>
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10	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> Parent teacher interviews and reports sent home	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Last day of Term</b>